GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF CASHEW
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area under cashew cultivation in the country at present alongwith the yield and income derived therefrom, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of import and export of cashew recorded during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has conducted research for the development of new hybrid cashew plants; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof and the action taken on the basis of the outcome?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 449 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7TH MAY, 2007.

(a): State-wise area under cashew cultivation in the country alongwith the yield and estimated income is given in Annexure-I.

(b): The quantum of import and export of cashew recorded during the last three years is given in Annexure-II.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The National Research Centre for Cashew under ICAR and various State Agricultural Universities have conducted research on cashew and released around 37 high yielding varieties, including hybrids. The details of high yielding varieties/hybrids are given in Annexure-III. In order to multiply these high yielding varieties/hybrids, the Government of India have assisted in establishment of 90 nurseries under public and private sectors, having production capacity of about 50 lakh cashew grafts per annum.